

DEGREES EARNED



Miss Virginia Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olson of 30 Campbell Drive, Agawam, Mass., has been awarded a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Merrimack College, North Andover, Mass., where she was on the Dean's List.

Miss Olson is a 1965 graduate of Springfield Technical High School.

In the fall, she will teach in the Draught School System.

Janice S. Casal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casal, 9 Leetwood Drive, Longmeadow, was among the graduates receiving degrees during the Chapman College Commencement June 15 in Orange, California.

An Art major, Miss Casal received the Bachelor of Arts degree. At Chapman she had served on the Dormitory Council and Great Films Guild Committee and participated in student art shows.

Miss Kathleen Flynn of 367 Cooper St. received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Michigan State U.

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"LIKE IT IS"

George B. Bickford

Well, the townspeople are being buffaloed by the foxes in the town hall again. This time I am referring to the upcoming special town meeting on June 30. This meeting was going to be held on or about Sept. 1. but in a last effort to squash the high school movement, the middle school proponents have requested and obtained their June 30 meeting. At this meeting the fate of our educational system will be decided, and if you feel a high school is the best thing for our town, or aren't sure, please come, listen, and give us your support. I am sure you will see from the facts and figures that the High School plan will be the most beneficial, economic, and attractive, for it attempts to solve all of our space problems simply but effectively, which is much more than the middle school proposal will do.

The High School Study Committee, which as I have said before was stacked against its purpose, in its last group meeting was split (analogous to the Paris Peace Talks) and broke wide open. As a result only four dedicated and interested citizens remain as the "High School Study Committee" and they will present their plan at the special town meeting and at some open hearings before that date. If you are not committed, or in favor of the high school, or even opposed, please hear what they have to say! Don't turn the deaf ear and enact some policy you may later regret. Plan ahead, think clearly, help your town, and be satisfied with yourselves. Don't take personalities into the game, just weigh both sides and use your own unbiased good judgement!

CARNATION TIME

The popularity, importance and abundance of carnations grown in Mass. are responsible for a proclamation by Governor Francis W. Sargent of the Period from June 15th through June 22nd as "Carnation Time In Mass."

Pointing out that Mass. is the birthplace of "over 90% of the carnation varieties grown the world over", Sargent declared that

SCHOOL'S OUT



UNICO Awards

The Agawam Chapter of Unico Nat'l at a dinner meeting June 11 at the Federal Hill Club, awarded 6 scholarship grants to Agawam students to help further their education.

The Agawam Chapter was highly honored by the presence of Unico Nat'l Pres. Steve Mastropietro who with his wife flew in from New Jersey to attend the event. Also present were Dist. Gov. Sam Cardone and Ben and Steve pagani who were honored for their help with the scholarship drive again this year.

Shown above left to right are the scholarship recipients:

Lucy Bonomi, Michael Fazio, Joanne Della Giustina and Francis Rosso, co-chm. of scholarship committee.

oooooooooooo carnations played a significant role in the state's economy, accounting for fully 10% of agricultural income. More than 40 million blooms are produced annually by Bay State greenhouse farmers, placing Mass. 4th among the 50 states.

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Our Men In Service

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. - Airman Richard A. Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Whitman, 107 Fairview St., has graduated from a U.S. Air Force technical school at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

He was trained as a medical services specialist and assigned to a unit of the Air Training Command at Keesler AFB, Miss.

The airman, a graduate of Agawam High School, received his B.A. degree in biology from St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H.

St. David's BarBQ

St. David's Episcopal church of Agawam will hold a Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday, June 21, at the Polish-American Club, Southwick St., Feeding Hills. The event will be held between 4 and 8 P.M. Rain or Shine.

General Chm. is Warren Roberts and Hon. Chm. is Edwin Sherbourne, assisted by a large committee.

Anyone wanting tickets may purchase them from the ticket chairman, Jack Simons, at 736-9203.

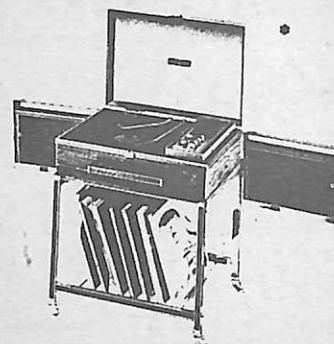
Menu includes, 1/2 chicken, tossed salad, potato salad, strawberry shortcake, rolls and butter and beverage.

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In his proclamation, Governor Sargent paid tribute to "the flourishing horticultural genius of Mass. growers and scientists continuously engaged in the struggle to create the perfect carnation, a struggle which brings joy and satisfaction to the lives of millions."

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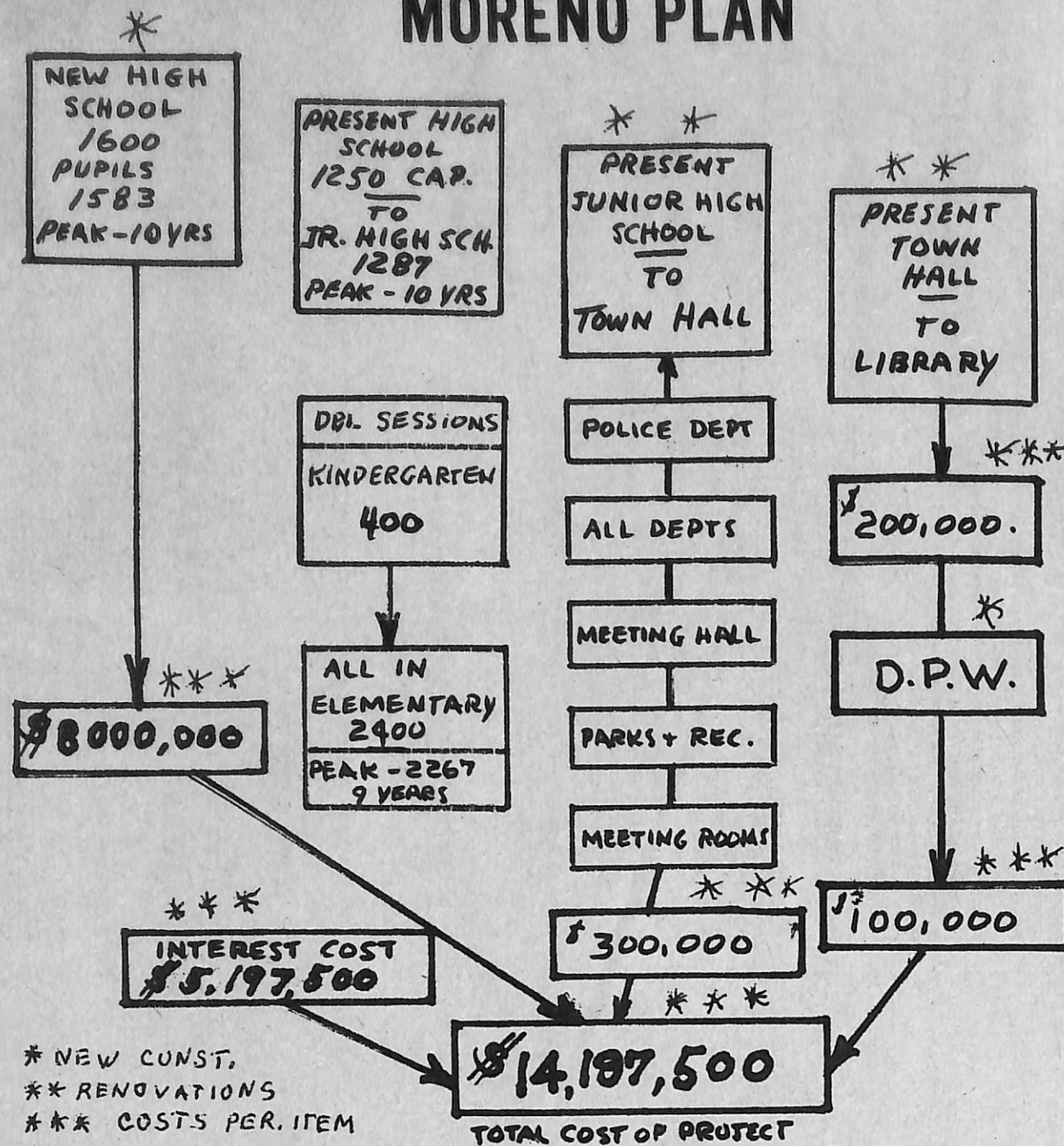
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74-75	2026	74-75	1271	74-75	1499
75-76	2090	75-76	1238	75-76	1544
76-77	2181	76-77	1158	76-77	1583*
77-78	2267*	77-78	1151	77-78	1572
78-79	2322	78-79	1162	78-79	1541

* PLUS 205 KS

The above figures are the official estimates of the school committee and the Supt. of Schools. With the above arrangement for housing the students in the Agawam School system, we: No. 1 provide for kindergarten to fifth grade (elementary) enough class rooms or capacity to last for more than ten years.

No. 2. Jr. High capacity will not be exceeded for well beyond the ten year period. No. 3 The New high school will not peak out for long after the 10 year period.

PHASE OUT OF PRESENT FUNDED DEBT

1969	1971	1973	1975	1979	1984
2,394,000	1,755,000	1,195,000	755,000	270,000	-0-

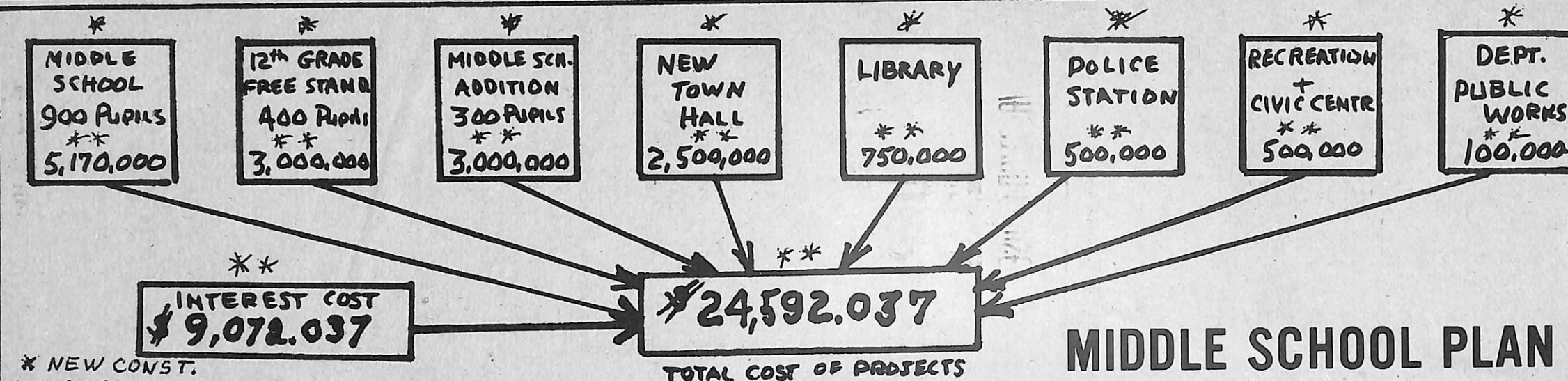
Present and future encumbrances of above plan will be totally paid for in twenty years. This will be done without great rise in the present tax structure

The interest costs alone over the years are some four million dollars (difference in plans) (See lower left hand corner box). You will note the continuous need for new construction as the years go on if the middle school plan is adopted. The lower left hand corner shows added capital expenditures the cost of which is not included in either plan, but are high on the agenda to be spent, soon.

The high school plan will eliminate and old school (50 years) that the town of Agawam paid good money to be told by the Wilson Report in 1948 that the building is "inadequate and lacking in many requirements."

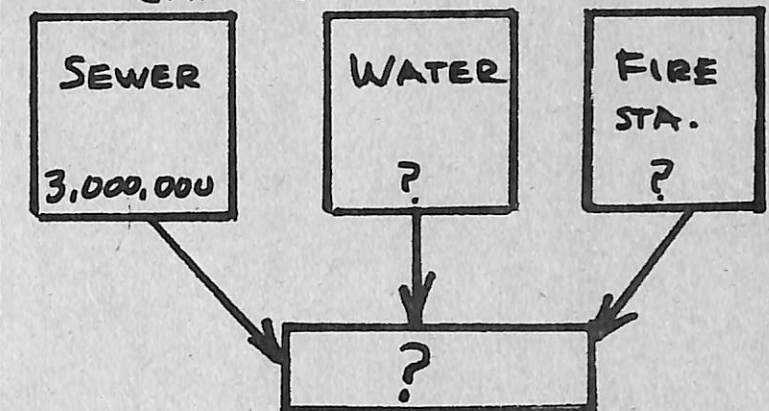
The days of Committees of dialogue alone must be avoided. direct, concrete action must be taken and initiated in positions of priority where Agawam's fiscal structure and capital expenditures are concerned. The tax burden of the home owner will grow to catstrophic proportions unless something is done to both, releave the tax load, and still render the required services.

NOTE. Public hearing soon get explanation first hand of the savings if the high school plan is approved.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAN

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



NOTE! THESE ITEMS DUE

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Girl's Softball Begins 23rd

The Agawam Girls Interchurch Softball League will open its 8th season on the 23rd. Mrs. Wyly Brame, league director, announced this morning. Mrs. Brame organized the softball league in 1962 at the request of Agawam religious leaders who felt the need of an organized competitive activity for girls.

An organizational meeting was held on April 14, attended by the managers and coaches of the 9 participating teams from 6 local churches.

Games are played at the following fields at 6:30 P.M. with official umpires in charge: Buxton, High School, St. John's, and Polish-American. Parents of players are requested to assist by transporting their girls to the games. The public is invited to attend the games and cheer their favorite team.

Mrs. Brame expressed her appreciation to Thomas Danford for setting up the schedule and to Robert Herzog for printing it. Thanks also to Charles Calabrese, Richard Langone and to Vincent and Frank Caroleo for their generous services.

Managers and coaches are:
Juniors: Agawam Cong. - Mrs. Wm. Meissner, Mrs. Joseph Hebert, Diane Hebert and Robert Hastings.

Feeding Hills Cong. - Dorothy Green and Brady Snyder
St. Anthony - Karen Loncrini and Rosemary Scannell
St. John No. 1 - Rosalind Longtin and Rose Carmel
St. John No. 2 - Walter Garvey
Seniors: Feeding Hills Cong. Frank Allen, Bruce Cone, Jim Lucia and Andrew Nieroda.
St. John - Harmon & Patricia Fitzpatrick, Wyly Brame Jr., Diane Coventry and Elizabeth Grimaldi.
St. Theresa - Donna Roberts
Agawam Baptist - Carleton Wing

PO Carriers Awards

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge presented safe driver awards to 4 letter carriers. Edward Frighetto, 7 years, John Farrington, 5 years, Theodore Cusson, 4 years and Thomas Danford, 2 years.

DON'T BE A LITTERBUG

The life of your tires can be increased by avoiding "jack rabbit" starts and "panic" stops, says the ALA.

Summer Music for Young

The sound of music is being made this summer by 131 Agawam pupils in the Summer Instrumental Music Program held weekly in the Junior High School Band room, starting Tuesday June 24, and continuing for 6 weeks.

Guided and directed by Mrs. Sally Lowell, Elem. Music teacher for the Agawam schools, assistance will be given 4 musicians and teachers. They are, Sheldon Wax; Lawrence Kublin; David Carpenter; and John Lowell. Pupils meet with these teachers for ½ hour sectional rehearsals in small classes, in addition to the 1½ hours of Band Ensemble playing each Tuesday.

Transp. to and from rehearsals is provided mainly by parents with car pool arrangements, and public transp.

Mrs. Robert Shoemaker and Mrs. Albert Taupier, Co-presidents of the band parents' group sponsoring this program, extend a cordial invitation to the general public as well as parents and families of the performers to attend the final concert of the two bands to be held out doors "on the green" at the Agawam High School on Tuesday eve., July 29, at 6:30. The audience is requested to bring their own chairs.

Library Trustees Plead for Restored Funds

Mrs. William Keogh returned from Mass. Library Trustees Bd. of Dir's. meeting which voted to back the full funding of the Library Services and Construction Act. Mrs. Keogh noted that the Bd. of Dir's. were "aghast at the extensive cuts made by the present admin. in the important Library Services and Construction Act." The Board noted also that Pres. Nixon has stated during Nat'l Library Week: "For never have our libraries played a more prominent role in our campaign against ignorance and for fullness of educational opportunity". An editorial in the Saturday Review expressed the opinion that if these cuts are not restored in full by our Congress they will "have with a pen stroke done more damage to the life of the mind in this country than a regiment of fanatics and incineraries could do if they worked around the clock. Books are not expendable." The Board is sending out a request to all public library trustees to write their respective Senators and Reps. urging them to see that the full amount requested for funds under the LSCA be re-instated. The Board also sent letters to Senators Brooke and Kennedy as well as all the Reps. in Mass. asking their support for the return of all requested funds of the LSCA. Pres. Chester J. Cooper of South Hadley signed the letters as well as noting that all Board members were in favor of it.

In addition to these cuts there were other federally-funded library-related cuts which individual Board members felt were important, but which did not relate to public library programs. Among these were cuts in the Elem. and Second. Ed. Act (ESEA), the Nat'l Ed. Defense Act (NEDA), the Higher Ed. Act (Hea), the Higher Ed. Facilities Act (HEFA), the Older Americans Act (OAA). Under ESEA, school library resources, textbooks, and other instructional materials were reduced to NOTHING! Under HEA, College Library Assistance and Library Training & Research were cut from \$41,750,000 to \$23,000,000. Under OAA the cut was from \$23,000,000 to NOTHING!

However, there is a good side to the federal library picture. The Senate has passed a bill which will establish a Nat'l Comm. on Libraries and Info. Science. the House has scheduled floor action for this on June 16. Senators Brooke and Kennedy were among the 19 Senators who cosponsored this bill and Senators Yarborough and Pell conducted the hearings. This bill establishes a commission that will be a planning and coordinating body to promote research not carried on by any other agency and will have an independent status within the Office of HEW.

LOCAL ITEMS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MON. A M

A PURPLE MARTIN CAN EAT 2000 MOSQUITOES PER DAY!

Racing at Stafford Springs

Early indication is that the current NASCAR modified season in Southern N.E. will be a knowck down, drag out affair between Carl "Bugsy" Stevens of Rehoboth, Mass., and Fred DeSarro of Westerly, R.I. No. 1 and No. 2 in the country.

Both are eyeing the nat'l title, making every race important. Stevens and DeSarro will resume the battle Friday night, June 20th, at SSS the Nutmeg Oval presenting a 50-lap modified feature.

The Late Model Tigers supplement the show, action starting at 8 o'clock.

Stevens and DeSarro are part of a strong Stafford Field that includes Leo Cleary of Hanover, Mass., Gene Bergin of Manchester Ct., Smokey Boutwell of Pelham, N.H., Ed Flemke of Southington, Ct., Lou Austin of Medford, Mass., and Bobby Santos of Millis, Mass., all nationally ranked in the top 20.

In the past 3 years, the nat'l champion has won at least one feature at Stafford. Ernie Gahan won the Nat'l title in 1967; Stevens won in 1967 and 1968.

DeSarro, a Stafford regular for the

past 3 years, won his 1st Stafford race in this year's opener. He became the 9th man to win on the Stafford oval since it was paved in the spring of 1967.

DeSarro isn't saying yet whether he'll make an "honest run" for the title, but he does admit that "if a couple of big races go our way, you can bet we'll go after the championship. It was nice to win at Stafford. I hope it means a lot of new things this year."

Last year was DeSarro's 1st season in modified ranks -- a strong finish in the Cardinal 500 at Martinsville gave him a 2nd spot in the nat'l standings. Stevens' 1st year in the modified division, 1967, also ended up in the runner-up slot mat'ly.

"I wouldn't sit in a race car if I didn't think I could win," says Stevens, the Stafford champ 2 out of the last 3 years. "It is a long season and the championship is a nice way to end it, but I'll take them one at a time."

Should Stevens defend the Nat'l title, he will be the 1st three time champion in the 20 year history of NASCAR.

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MISS SCHILLING GONE ON VACATION CRUISE

Miss Geraldine Ann Schilling daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling of Cooper St. an Art Teacher at Agawam High School has left on a 68 day cruise to the So. Pacific and Orient. Embark. point was Port Everglades Florida. She will travel to Nassau in the Bahamas and through the Panama Canal to Acapulco, Mexico. Other ports of call will be Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal. Vancouver, Can., Honolulu, Hawaii; Suva in the Fiji Isl.; Auckland, New Zealand; Sydney, Australis; Kowloon, Hong Kong; and Kobe, Kobe, Japan. Here she will take an inland tour for several days visiting Kyoto, Tokyo, and Nikko before rejoining the ship at Yokohama. Miss Schilling will return via Hawaii and Los Angeles the last week in August.

Spider wort, spearmint, chives, perennial asters, 435 River Road.

TODAY'S AGRI-FACT:
Harvesting crops by machine can greatly alleviate the shortage of farm labor. However, the crop must literally be tailor-made to fit the machine, not the other way around. This is what has been done with tomatoes. Some growers are now harvesting several varieties which were especially bred and cultured to develop small-vine stature, concentrated fruit set and ripening period, and the pliability needed to pass through a machine with little or no fruit breakage.

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drivers who could not renew their
licenses during regular Registry
business hours," McLaughlin said,
"but since sufficient funds have not
been appropriated to reimburse
personnel for overtime work, we
regret that we have been forced to
make the decision to discontinue
these additional hours."

Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To RICHARD MATTHEW
KEEVERS of Manchester, in the
State of Connecticut.

A libel has been presented to said
Court by your wife JOYCE LINDA
VERANI KEEVERS of Agawam, in
the County of Hampden, praying
that a divorce from the bond of
matrimony between herself and you
be decreed for the cause of cruel and
abusive treatment and praying for
alimony — and for custody of and
allowance for minor children.

If you desire to object thereto,
you or your attorney should file a
written appearance in said Court at
Springfield, within twenty-one days
from the eighteenth day of July
1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this third day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
June 12, 19, 26

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To LAURA L. NAWOJCZYK
ENNIS of Syracuse, in the State of
New York.

A libel has been presented to said
Court by your husband, JOHN P.
ENNIS of Agawam, in the County of
Hampden, praying that a divorce
from the bond of matrimony be-
tween himself and you be decreed for
the cause of cruel and abusive treat-
ment and praying for custody of
minor children.

If you desire to object thereto,
you or your attorney should file a
written appearance in said Court at
Springfield, within twenty-one days
from the twenty-second day of July
1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this fifth day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
June 12, 19, 26

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To JOSEPH JOHN LIQUORI of
Agawam, in said County.

A petition has been presented to
said Court by ANN MARIE
CONTRINO LIQUORI praying that a
decree of this Court dated March
13, 1969, dismissing her libel for
divorce against said JOSEPH JOHN
LIQUORI, may be vacated and said
libel reopened for further hearing, all
as more fully set forth in said
petition.

If you desire to object thereto you
or your attorney should file a written
appearance in said Court at Spring-
field before ten o'clock in the fore-
noon on the twenty-seventh day of
June 1969 the return day of this
citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this twenty-seventh day of May
1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
June 12, 19, 26

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the
estate of HAROLD E. MESSER late of
Agawam in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to
said Court, praying that DOROTHY
K. MESSER of said Agawam be
appointed administratrix of said
estate without giving a surety on her
bond.

If you desire to object thereto you
or your attorney should file a written
appearance in said Court at Spring-
field before ten o'clock in the fore-
noon on the first day of July 1969,
the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH
Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this twenty-seventh day of May
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